

# Jeb Bardon

State Representative • District 94



Fall, 1999

Dear Friends,

Over the past year I have worked hard to represent you. It has been a great privilege to promote and protect the interests of our district. I am proud to have supported legislation that increased the renters' deduction, cut taxes for seniors, increased funding for CHOICE and offered free textbooks to all of Indiana's schoolchildren.

The upcoming 2000 legislative session is a "short" session, beginning January 10 and finishing before March 15. I anticipate that many important issues affecting our district will be discussed. Issues such as ISTEP testing, school safety, and delaying property tax reassessment are likely to be addressed.

Please feel free to contact me at the State House with any comments or questions that you may have at 232-9600. Feedback from my constituents is vital to me as I prepare for the start of session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb A. Bardon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

How to contact

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# Preventing child abuse

I believe our children are one of our most precious resources. Unfortunately, far too many of our children are physically abused. Preventing child abuse will not only benefit society, but will also allow abused children to grow into healthy and active participants in their community.

Children from all social classes can fall victim to abuse. Abuse often occurs at a time of great stress for the abuser.

Some signs parents, teachers, doctors, neighbors and friends might want to watch for with the children they know include hand or finger-shaped bruise marks, improbable explanation for child's injuries, scalding patterns, circular burns as if from a stove or cigarette, black eyes, human bite marks, lash marks, or choke marks around neck.

Indiana requires that known or suspected child abuse be reported to the police – so if you suspect a child is in danger, don't hesitate to report it.

Intervention counseling is available and recommended when warning signs such as a previous history of abuse, an apparent lack of parental love or concern, failure to maintain the child's proper hygiene or care, parental drug or alcohol problems and high stress factors in the family life are apparent.

If you have concerns about a child you know, please contact the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-800-5556 or Child Protective Services at 233-0344.

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## *Moments for Indiana children*

*Every 8 minutes a child is reported abused or neglected.*

*Every 43 minutes a baby is born to a teenage mother.*

*Every hour a baby is born at low birthweight.*

*Every 13 hours a baby died during the first year of life.*

*Every 3 days a child or youth is killed by a gun.*

*Source: Children's Defense Fund*

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## Financial assistance for college

Attending college is a key factor for later career success. Indiana's future depends on good students who attend and graduate from college. Students interested in attending college may be eligible for several sources of additional funding.

- *Twenty-First Century Scholars* helps Indiana families afford a college education for their children.

For more information, call 233-2100.

- The state of Indiana also offers several scholarships including the *Indiana Higher Education Grant*, the *Hoosier Scholarship Award*, the *Minority Teacher Scholarship* and the *Nursing Scholarship*.

For more information on these scholarships, please contact the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana at 232-2350.

- The U.S. government also assists students in finding funds for college. Grants (which do not have to be repaid) and loans (which do have to be repaid) are available for eligible students. The programs include: Stafford Loans, Pell Grants, PLUS Loans, the Work-Study Program and Perkins Loans. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Forms are available through high school guidance offices, college financial aid offices or by contacting the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-4FED-AID.

# Legislation benefits seniors



**Tax Deductions** -- Senior citizens received two valuable tax deductions in the past session. The seniors income tax deduction was increased from \$1000 to \$1500. Seniors also received a property tax deduction increase from \$1000 to \$2000.

**CHOICE** -- The CHOICE program makes it possible for many Indiana senior citizens to continue living in their homes rather than checking into nursing home institutions. Services provided include health care, home cleaning, nutrition, and transportation.

In addition to the very positive quality-of-life differences, studies have shown that the CHOICE program saves money, providing home health care services at just one-quarter the cost of comparable services provided by a nursing home. For additional information on CHOICE services in Marion County, please contact CICOA at 254-5465.



*Rep. Bardon discusses legislation with Rep. Mae Dickinson (D-Indianapolis) and Rep. Ed Mahern (D-Indianapolis).*

**Long Term Care**-- Seniors who are covered under Medicaid for their nursing home services are allowed a small amount of income each month for personal expenses. This is commonly called a Personal Needs Allowance (PNA).

This year the General Assembly enacted Senate Enrolled Act 606 which increased the PNA from \$35 to \$50 per month. The legislature also established a new state income tax deduction for the amount of long term health care insurance premiums that takes effect this year.

For information on the Indiana Long Term Care Program or a free copy of the *Self-Assessment Guide for Long Term Care Insurance*, please call 1-800-452-4800.

## Renters and homeowners benefit from income tax deduction increase

Thanks to new income tax deductions, District 94 renters and homeowners will have more money in their pockets. **Renters** will have an increased income tax deduction -- from \$1500 to \$2000. **Homeowners** will also have a new income tax deduction for property taxes up to \$2500.

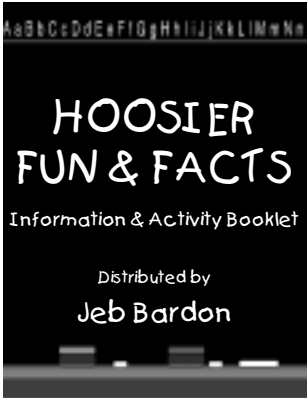
**Families** will benefit as parents will now be allowed an income tax deduction increase from \$1000 to \$2500 for their dependent children.

**Small businesses** will benefit from the elimination of the inventory tax for 87 percent of farms and businesses and the repealing of the property tax "add-back."

**Taxpayers** will also save from the elimination of the county welfare fund and county welfare administration funds from local property taxes.

# Attention Teachers

**Project Citizen --** *We the People . . . Project Citizen* is a civic education program for middle school students. The Indiana House of Representatives will help to facilitate the state finals on May 5, 2000. For information on how to involve your students, please contact: Thomas Vontz at Indiana University, 2805 E. Tenth St., Bloomington, IN 47408. You may also call 812-855-0467 or 1-800-266-3815.



**Informative House Publications available --** The Indiana House of Representatives offers *Hoosier Fun and Facts* for elementary school-aged children. This information and activity book teaches students about their state through a combination of text, puzzles and other educational activities. We also offer *Higher Education*, a publication for those interested in pursuing a higher education degree, detailing many Indiana colleges and universities as well as occupational and vocational schools. Please contact my office for copies.

**2000 Page Program --** I welcome all students age 13 or over to serve as a page during the 2000 session. Students will be excused from school on the day they are serving as a page and will spend the entire day at the Statehouse.

Interested students should send me their name, parent or guardian's name, address, phone number, school and two different dates when the student could come to the Statehouse between January 10 and February 29, 2000. Please remember session is short and places fill up fast, so apply as soon as possible.



**Classroom Visits --** I have enjoyed my visits to classrooms throughout our the district. I plan to continue these visits. As well, I am available to host tours at the Indiana Statehouse. Please contact my office for details.

**Certificates of Achievement --** Certificates are available for students with academic or athletic achievement. Please contact my office with information regarding students achievements.

## Meet my legislative assistant

When you call my office with a concern, question or suggestion, you will speak with Katie Renner. Katie will be happy to listen to your comments and concerns on legislative matters. You can reach Katie at 232-0243.



# Questionnaire

*Please consider the following questions and return your responses to:  
Rep. Jeb Bardon, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.  
You may also answer online at [www.state.in.us/R94](http://www.state.in.us/R94)*

- 1. Indiana’s schoolchildren are among the oldest in the nation. Should Indiana move the kindergarten start date from June 1 to a later date?
- 2. Should the State of Indiana provide funding to school corporations that choose to offer full-day kindergarten?
- 3. Should the State of Indiana fund charter schools?
- 4. Do you support measures to have alternative schools?
- 5. Are classrooms spending too much time testing basic skills?
- 6. Do you believe the State of Indiana should provide funding to seniors for prescription medicines?
- 7. Should the General Assembly pass legislation which will freeze property taxes for seniors when they turn 65?

	Respondent 1		Respondent 2	
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## Your Comments

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Session 2000 inside!***



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